

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method for controlling hydrogen sulfide odor which is generated in a treatment of a protein material at a high temperature under elevated pressure, which comprises

adding ascorbic acid, isoascorbic acid, or dihydroascorbic acid, or ascorbic acid stearic acid ester, ascorbic acid palmitic acid ester or salts thereof to ~~said~~ non-thermally degraded protein material and an optional secondary material,

thereafter treating said non-thermally degraded protein material and the optional secondary material at a high temperature under elevated pressure until the temperature thereof rises to from 110 to 200 degrees C,

cooling said treated protein material and the optional secondary material, and obtaining a food material.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): The method for controlling hydrogen sulfide odor according to claim 1, wherein said treating is carried out with an extruder.

4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented): The method for controlling hydrogen sulfide odor according to claim 1, wherein the protein material is a fish or shellfish protein.

6-15. (canceled).